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International application No. <b>PCT/GB 01/ 02146</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>16/05/2001</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) <b>24/05/2000</b>
Applicant <b>VIRTUAL VIDEO UK Ltd</b>		

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a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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2.  **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3.  **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

**ANIMATION METHOD AND DEVICE WITH SYNCHRONISED AUDIO OUTPUT**

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

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the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

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because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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None of the figures.

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No  
PCT/GB 01/02146A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC 7 G09F19/08 G09F19/14 G03B25/02 G03B31/06 G02B27/22

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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A	column 7, line 1 – line 30 figures 10,12 ---	2-13, 15-35
A	US 5 004 442 A (LEMELSON JEROME H ET AL) 2 April 1991 (1991-04-02) column 5, line 36 – line 42 column 7, line 17 – line 30 figures ---	1-35

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## REQUEST

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Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

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(if desired) (12 characters maximum) JCD/MK/X8444

### Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

Novelty animated device with synchronised audio output, and method for achieving synchronised audio output

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